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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, petition of Benjamin Swan and others for legislation to establish driver education and training reform. Transportation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM.

- 1 Whereas, driver education and training are educational func-
- 2 tions, they should be performed by professionally prepared educa-
- 3 tors and should properly be the responsibility of the Department
- 4 of Education; and
- 5 Whereas, driver education and training should be affordable
- 6 and accessible for all eligible teenagers, they should be a manda-
- 7 tory extra-curricular requirement in all public and private high
- 8 schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The responsibility and jurisdiction for driver edu-
- 2 cation and training should be transferred as expeditiously as pos-
- 3 sible from the Registry of Motor Vehicles to the Department of
- 4 Education.
- 1 SECTION 2. Driver education and training should be financed
- 2 by a combination of parent-student tuition and fees collected by
- 3 the Registry of Motor Vehicles. They should also be assisted and
- 4 supported by automobile manufacturers and dealers and by incen-
- 5 tives provided by the insurance industry.

- 1 SECTION 3. The Department of Education will be required to
- 2 assume the responsibility for driver education and training
- 3 throughout the commonwealth in all secondary high schools, and
- 4 that the legislative committees on public safety facilitate the
- 5 proper and orderly transfer of those responsibilities from the Reg-
- 6 istry of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Education as expedi-
- 7 tiously as possible.